



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shigeru SAOTOME, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/987,402

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Docket No: Q67281

Group Art Unit: 2882

Examiner: Ashutosh Upreti

For: **METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING PROSPECTIVE ABNORMAL SHADOW**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 7, 2005 to September 7, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1020.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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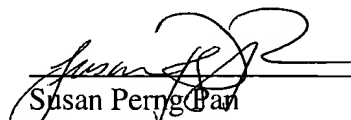
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